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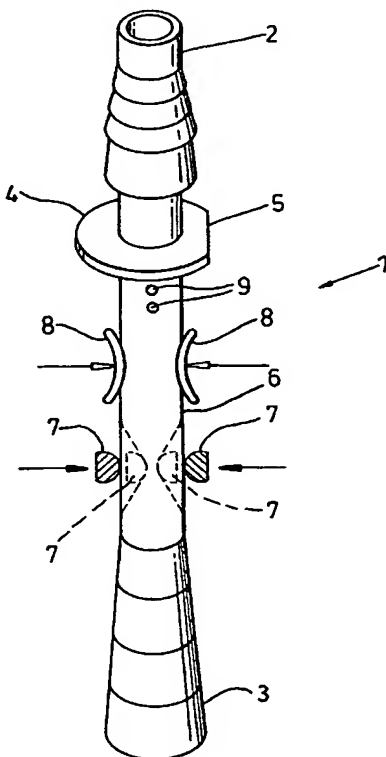
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(54) Title: IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO CONTROL OF LIQUID FLOW INTO OR OUT OF A HUMAN OR ANIMAL BODY



(57) **Abstract:** Apparatus for controlling the operation of a catheter, the apparatus including an inlet for receiving the output end of a catheter and an outlet for discharging liquid received from the catheter, valve means between the inlet and the outlet for controlling the flow of liquid through the apparatus, sensing means for sensing one or more properties of the liquid in the apparatus, and control means for controlling operation of the valve means in response to a sensed property of the liquid, such as pressure, and/or in response to a predetermined criteria, such as a time interval having elapsed.